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SUBJ: CITIBANK OFFICIAL PLANS SECOND TRIP TO HANOI

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1. EDWARD G. HARSHFIELD, SENIOR CITIBANK OFFICIAL IN HONG KONG, HOPES TO MAKE A SHORT VISIT TO VIETNAM IN MID-AUGUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON REASSIGNMENT TO MANILA. CITIBANK HAS REQUESTED THE VIETNAM TRADE OFFICE IN HONG KONG TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING THE TRIP. HARSHFIELD FIRST VISITED HANOI IN MAY 1977 (REFTEL). THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS SECOND TRIP WOULD BE PUBLIC RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH CITIBANK HAS HAD SOME QUERIES FROM THE VIETNAMESE REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF CITIBANK'S TRAVELLERS' CHECKS, AND THE HANDLING OF FROZEN ASSETS. ONE CITIBANK EMPLOYEE ADMITTED THAT THIS VISIT WAS PARTLY MOTIVATED BY CITIBANK'S INTEREST IN KEEPING UP WITH BANK OF AMERICAN AND MANUFACURERS HANOVER TRUST WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES VISITED VIETNAM LAST MONTH WITH THE AMCHAM DELEGATION. HARSHFIELD WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SENIOR STAFF ECONOMIST, V.K. RANGANATHAN.

2. SINCE CITIBANK FOR THE PRESENT DOES NOT PLAN TO
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